

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprises:

said security system server verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information received thereby to initiate operative coupling ~~operatively couple~~ with said security gateway;

said security gateway using said authorization information received from said security system server and said authorization information received from said remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and said remote client;

said security system server initiating generation of activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is transferring information to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for said user are based upon a permission profile created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said authorization information expires at a designated time and date.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprising:

said security system server verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information received thereby to initiate operative coupling ~~operatively couple~~ with said security gateway;

said security gateway using said authorization information received from said security system server and said authorization information received from said remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and said remote client;

said security system server initiating generation of ~~activating~~ a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is transferring information to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for said user are based upon a permission profile created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said authorization information expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprising:

said security system server verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information received thereby to initiate operative coupling ~~operatively couple~~ with said security gateway;

said security gateway using said authorization information received from  
said security system server and said authorization information received from said  
remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and  
said remote client;

said security system server initiating generation of activating a signal at said  
premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring;  
and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;  
wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security  
gateway is transferring information to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said  
premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based  
upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for said user are based upon a permission profile  
created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said authorization information expires after a designated number of  
access have occurred.

Claims 29-59 (Canceled).

60. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

upon authentication of said user of said remote client, said security system server transmitting, to said remote client, authorization information necessary for said remote client to access a security gateway for said premises;

said remote client transmitting, to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server;

operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway further comprises:

said remote client using said authorization information received thereby to initiate operative coupling with said security gateway; and

said security gateway using said authorization information received from said security system server and said authorization information received from said remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said remote client cannot access said security gateway: (1) without said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server,

or (2) after expiration of said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server; and

wherein said authorization information which enables said remote client to access said security gateway is configured to have a lifespan which expires independently of said remote client initiating or terminating an access of said security gateway.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said time-based lifespan of said authorization information expires at a designated time and date subsequent to said security system server transmitting said authorization information to said remote client.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said time-based lifespan of said authorization information expires after a designated length of time has elapsed subsequent to said security system server transmitting said authorization information to said remote client.

63. (Canceled).

64. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

upon authentication of said user of said remote client, said security system server transmitting, to said remote client, authorization information necessary for said remote client to access a security gateway for said premises;

said remote client transmitting, to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server;

operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises; and

~~activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and~~

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway further comprises:

said remote client using said authorization information received thereby to initiate operative coupling with said security gateway; and

said security gateway using said authorization information received from said security system server and said authorization information received from said remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises; and

wherein said remote client cannot access said security gateway: (1) without said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server,

or (2) after expiration of said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server.

- 65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60 wherein said lifespan of said authorization information is time-based.
- 66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, wherein said authorization information is an access token.
- 67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said authorization information is an access token
- 68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein said authorization information is an access token.
- 69 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 62, wherein said authorization information is an access token.
- 70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 64, wherein said authorization information is an access token.
- 71. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said security system server verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client; and

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;

transferring information between said remote client and said security gateway;

wherein operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway further comprises:

said remote client using said access token received thereby to initiate operative coupling with said security gateway; and

said security gateway using said information about said user and said access token received from said security system server and said access token received from said remote client to complete operative coupling between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile for said user;

wherein said permission profile for said user is created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token has a lifespan which expires independently of said remote client initiating or terminating an access of said security gateway.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, wherein said lifespan of said access token is time-based.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, wherein said time-based lifespan of said access token expires at a designated time and date.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, wherein said time-based lifespan of said access token expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.

75 (New) The method of claim 60 and further comprising activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring.

76 (New) The method of claim 64 and further comprising activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring.

77. (New) The method of claim 71 and further comprising activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring.